



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 350

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Jean Smith on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jean Smith is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-three years as the librarian at Southside Elementary School in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith earned both her Bachelor of Science degree and her Master of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University and gained a Master's plus thirty degree from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jean Smith is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Association of School Librarians, which she served as president in 1999; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Smith received scholarships to attend the Governor's Academy for Teachers of Writing, the Cumberland Valley Writing Conference, and the 1986 Storytelling Workshop; she was also named the 2005 Wilson County Teacher of the Year, and she won the Innovative Library Award and the Clara Hasbrouk Award from the Tennessee Association of School Librarians; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jean Smith also contributes her time and numerous talents as a book reviewer and has written more than 180 book and media reviews for the *Library School Journal*; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with her husband, Jerry Smith; her children, Bart Smith and Dan Smith; and her grandchildren, Camden Smith, Delaney Smith, Clay Smith, and Isaac Smith; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped by all who know her that Mrs. Smith, in her retirement, will be able to pursue her love of reading, discussing books, listening to stories, quilting, baking, and spending time with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jean Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Mary Jean Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 19, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR